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To the President.

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Relying upon that assurance, the Executive Committee of The Veterans Rights Union of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania beg to bring to your attention the cases of the following named honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors, who without any other than purely political reasons, have been discharged from the U.S. Mint in this City, where they have been employed for periods varying from two to sixteen years:

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known sense of right and justice, and your patriotism as an American Citizen:

We respectfully present this Memorial requesting your earnest consideration of it, and trusting to receive such an answer thereto, that we shall not again be compelled to have recourse to petition or remonstrance.

We are Mr. President,
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Relative to Soldiers & Sailors Discharged from Mint.

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